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Dean's perspective



Our winter Commencement is always a special ceremony. It's so moving sending off these hard-working graduates who have held down full-time jobs and taken care of their families while completing their rigorous studies through our Part-Time Program. They bring impressive experience to the law school, and I look forward to hearing how their law degrees change the trajectory of their careers and lives. You can read about one of these December graduates, Will Witherspoon, and his notable argument before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in this issue.

It's also a wonderful time of the year to celebrate their success, as we reflect upon the year that's coming to an end and look forward to what's ahead.

This is certainly an exciting time at the law school. Halfway through our 40th year, I am working closely with our faculty and administrators to create a solid future for the law school. While we continue to confront the challenges facing law school's nationwide, we do so with purpose and with a plan, confident in our mission to educate leaders for a just and humane world. From our curricular innovations, such as offering "mini-courses" in practical areas in January, to a variety of initiatives aimed at supporting graduates in their careers, to the faculty's work in updating our strategic plan, we are committed to ensuring the best possible legal education.

I am grateful to many people who help us in that endeavor. In addition to the mentorship and networking opportunities you provide, your financial support makes a difference in the lives of our students. Please read about how these gifts support the Public Interest Law Foundation Summer Grants Program and other student opportunities and learn about our fund-raising priorities in the Report of Giving included in this issue.

As 2012 comes to a close, I wish you and yours a season of joy and peace and a very happy new year.

Best,

Mark C. Niles
Dean and Professor of Law

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Ron Slye is back at work at the law school after three years in Kenya. Photo by Matt Hagen.

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The Seattle skyline shines during the holidays.



Dean Mark C. Niles, honored Professor Laurel Oates '78, left and the legacy of the late Professor Tom Holdych. Tom's widow, Carolyn, right, attended with her family. Photo by Matt Hagen.

Law school honors transformational leaders Oates and Holdych

The law school honored two transformational leaders at a special event at the Tacoma Art Museum.

Professor Laurel Oates '78, the founding director of the nationally acclaimed Legal Writing Program, received the Tom Holdych Award for Meritorious and Transformational Service. The award recognizes the legacy of the late Holdych, who taught the first class ever at the law school and helped shape the law school into what it is today.

The award honors an individual whose skill and dedication has resulted in institutional development that has advanced and enhanced the long-term stability and reputation of the law school. It will be awarded periodically as merited.

Oates received it as she stepped down as director of the Legal Writing Program after 28 years of outstanding leadership. She continues to teach. In receiving the award, she recognized her students, former students, colleagues and others, calling all of them up to surround her at the podium.

Holdych's family and many of his former students also attended.

Students volunteer on immigrant worker project in Mississippi

Students Diego Rondon Ichikawa and Leticia Hernandez spent four days in Mississippi this fall, volunteering with the National Employment Law Project to interview low-wage immigrant workers who are victims of abuse and exploitation by their employers.

The workers will most likely qualify for U visas, which are special visas for victims of crime. Student volunteers from six different law schools met with over 100 clients and spent more than a cumulative 350 hours conducting intake and collecting documentation of clients and their families.

Ichikawa, a 3L, and Hernandez, a 1L, found the experience rewarding.

"Many of these clients suffered for years," they wrote. "Their voices went unheard, complaints of these abuses unpunished, and they continued to live in fear... Most of these clients relied upon their job to provide for their families, put food on their tables, pay their bills and live very simple lives. So they stayed, tolerated abuses, lived in constant fear, and prayed for justice."

The coordinators were grateful for their work.

"We were so impressed by Diego and Leticia's dedication, sensitivity, and skill in their work," said Eunice Hyunhye Cho, the Skadden Fellow with the NELP Immigrant Worker Justice Project. "We know that they will be fantastic advocates in the future. We're very grateful for their contribution, and this project could not have happened without their help."

Their trip was funded by generous donations from King County Superior Court Judge Mary Yu and Patricia Sully '11, assistant director of the Access to Justice Institute.



Diego Rondon Ichikawa



Leticia Hernandez

Mini-courses keep students busy during long break

The spring semester starts Monday, Jan. 14, a later date than usual because of the way the holidays fell.

The faculty decided to take advantage of this relatively long period between the end of the fall term and the start of the spring term to introduce a one-week mini-term for the week of Jan. 7-11. During that period, students will have the opportunity to take a course from a menu of one-credit intensive offerings.

Courses such as Civility and the Life of a Lawyer, Contract Drafting and Practice Planning and Management are being offered at various

times throughout the day and week, including a couple of evening offerings.

Student interest was high, and courses filled up quickly.

CPD expands initiative to support alumni

The Center for Professional Development has been working on a number of exciting programs to help graduates launch and advance their careers:

- Solo Practice Support - Need help starting or developing a solo practice? CPD is partnering with local attorneys to provide training, mentorship, and guidance on the day-to-day practice of law, as well as ways to build a book of business and run an efficient law office. For more information about this specific program, please contact Shawn Lipton at liptons@seattleu.edu or 206-398-4104.
- Succession Planning – Interested in learning about buying or selling a practice? If you have no idea where to start, you are not alone. The law school and the WSBA are partnering to bring you the tools you need to develop a succession plan during an informative CLE and networking luncheon Jan. 25. Stay tuned for registration details.
- 7th Annual Solo, Small and Mid-Size Career Fair – March 5, 5-7 p.m. at Campion Ballroom. It is an easy and efficient way to meet potential summer and long-term interns. Last year, attorneys from more than 50 law firms attended. Contact Bahareh Samanian, Associate Director for Employer Relations at 206-398-4034 or samaniab@seattleu.edu.
- Ongoing Career Development – Did you know CPD services are available to alums? Our counselors are eager to work with you on your resume, cover letter, networking skills, and job search strategies. www.law.seattleu.edu/Careers/Alumni.xml

For more information about CPD's programs and resources, please contact Emily von Seele at vonseele@seattleu.edu or 206-398-4105.

Jason and Janis Puracal talk about fight for freedom

Jason Puracal told a packed house at the law school about his nightmare in the Nicaraguan justice system and thanked his sister Janis '07 and other supporters who never gave up on freeing him from prison.

Puracal was wrongfully convicted and spent nearly two years in the notorious La Modelo prison (Lawyer, Summer 2012) before being freed by an appeals court in September. The ordeal is not over yet, as the Nicaraguan government wants his 22-year sentence reinstated. The law school's International Human Rights Clinic led by Professor Tom Antkowiak is intervening on his behalf and

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The briefcase: law school news



Jason and Janis '07 Puracal have a lot to smile about now that he has been reunited with his family. Photo by Matt Hagen.

preparing a petition to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights asking for a declaration of innocence, reparation and legal reform in Nicaragua.

Antkowiak credited Janis, who led the fight for Jason's release. She put together a team of supporters and kept Jason's story in the public eye.

"Janis was the advocate that made it all happen, and I can tell you as someone who dedicates my own profession to international human rights, Janis has really taken me to school," he said. "Janis with her sophisticated advocacy methods has taught me and my clinic so much about what it means to zealously and really fantastically represent your client in both domestic and international proceedings.

Jason said he still loves the country of Nicaragua and the people, and he hopes to return one day to show his son, Jabu, his homeland. He also hopes to establish a foundation to work for reform so others

don't suffer the human rights violations he did. He is working on a book about his experience.

He is focused on moving forward, seeking a graduate degree to promote urban sustainability, enrolling his son in school and helping his wife, Scarleth, improve her English so she can pursue a career in the law. She completed law school in Nicaragua while her husband was behind bars.

"Everywhere I go people are so warm and loving," he said. "Strangers come up and give me hugs and kisses. I'm loving every minute of it, just being back with my family and my wife and my son."

Youth Traffic Court wins civics award from CityClub

Seattle Youth Traffic Court, in which law students advise high school students hearing traffic infraction cases, is among the programs honored with a Colleen Willoughby Youth Civic Education Awards presented by Seattle CityClub.

The city's first youth traffic court is a collaboration between the law school, Seattle Municipal Court, Garfield High School, Seattle University Center for Service and Community Engagement, and the Seattle Police Department. The project supports the Seattle University Youth Initiative. Eligible youth who receive traffic citations from the Seattle Police Department may elect to have their cases heard by this youth court. Garfield High School students take on the roles of judge, defense attorney, prosecutor and jurors. Juries impose a sanction of community service, youth court jury service, preventative education and/or similar consequences. If defendants comply, the infraction will be dismissed and will not be reported to the Department of Licensing or appear on a defendant's driving record.

Margaret Fisher, a distinguished practitioner in residence at Seattle University School of Law and a national expert in youth courts, oversees the law school's involvement. Two graduates of the law school also support the program: Seattle Municipal Court Judge Karen Donohue '87 and Magistrate Lisa Leone '95.

Graduate selected for fellowship to assist veterans

Alex West '12, was selected for an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow with the Veterans Project at the Northwest Justice Project.

The project provides free legal services to financially eligible low-income and homeless veterans facing civil legal problems that are barriers to housing, employment, and self-sufficiency. It provides legal advice, representation, and referrals on a variety of civil legal issues, including child support issues, vacating criminal convictions and records, driver's license suspensions, consumer law, housing issues, veterans benefits, and discharge upgrades.

West works to connect with veterans by attending events like the Seattle Stand Down, the Kitsap County Stand Down, and community resource fairs at the Veterans Administration. He works with community partners, including social workers in many different organizations and Veterans Treatment Courts. His project sees veterans from the Vietnam era, and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and many in between and earlier.



Alex West '12

"We get referrals from numerous places," he said. "There is definitely a very high demand for veteran-specific civil legal assistance. While there are a lot of services for veterans in Seattle and King County, there are also high rates of homelessness and unemployment among veterans here, mirroring national trends."

He enjoys not only the variety of legal issues, but also the chance to work more holistically and connect veterans with non-legal resources. West said his background in social work and his law school experiences helped prepare him for this role. Before law school, he worked for Plymouth Healing Communities and YouthCare's ISIS house with homeless gay and transgender young people. During law school, he volunteered with SYLAW (Street Youth Legal Advocates Washington) and was in the Predatory Lending Clinic and Mental Health Court Clinic.

"Both of these clinics gave me important skills in working with clients, and the Mental Health Court Clinic experience has proved invaluable as I now have a solid understanding of what therapeutic courts are like and who the players are," he said.

As a student, West was named one of Seattle University's UnSung Heroes for his work with the Social Justice Coalition. He continues to be involved with the Racial Justice Leadership Institute at the law school for students and alumni.

Lawyer archives now available online

Would you like to view photos from the law school's early days, read publications by your favorite professor, skim award winning papers by current law students, or browse past issues of *The Lawyer*? You will soon be able to do all this and more in the law school's institutional repository.

For the past year, the law library has worked with Berkeley Electronic Press to create a law school institutional repository to serve the law school community. The repository is housed on Digital Commons, a

hosted institutional repository platform. The institutional repository will eventually allow free public access to materials that reflect the intellectual work and history of the law school, including photographs, scholarship, library exhibits, and video footage.

The inaugural collection is past issues of *The Lawyer* going back to 1982. These issues capture some of the law school's rich history, including the move to Seattle University. Other material will be added to the repository in the near future. Access the archives at <http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/thelawyer/>.

Influential Voices series draws compelling speakers

The law school's Influential Voices lecture series continued this fall with compelling presentations on immigration reform and gender roles.

Seattle University School of Law Professor Steve Bender gave a timely lecture, "Bordering on Hate: Compassion for (Mexican) Immigrants as a Condition to Comprehensive Immigration Reform," two days after the presidential election. He talked about how to instill a better image of immigrants in the American imagination as a catalyst for reform and reflected on how the outcome of the election could reshape immigration policies. His lecture was based on his recent book, "Run for the Border: Vice and Virtue in U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings."

Professor Evelyn Cruz, director of the Immigration Law and Policy Clinic at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, gave an introduction. The lecture also provided the opportunity to honor the late Keith Aoki, Bender's close friend and former colleague who was a leader in critical race theory. Professors Margaret Chon and Bob Chang gave tributes to Aoki. Bender wore one of his friend's ties that evening.

Earlier this fall, Frank Rudy Cooper of Suffolk University Law School and Ann C. McGinley of the William S. Boyd School of Law presented a lecture based on their co-edited book, "Masculinities and the Law: A Multidimensional Approach."

Lectures in the spring will include Professor Sid DeLong to mark his installation as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence and Professor Carmen Gonzalez, co-editor of the new book, "Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia."



Professor Steve Bender

Above the bar: faculty achievements

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW IS PROUD OF ITS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AND GRATEFUL FOR OUR PROFESSORS' MANY SCHOLARLY PURSUITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEGAL AND GREATER COMMUNITY. HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THE NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR FACULTY MEMBERS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.



Janet Ainsworth, the John D. Eshelman Professor, published numerous articles, including "The Performance of Gender as Reflected in American Evidence Rules: Language, Power, and the Legal Construction of Liability," in *Gender and Language* and "Frontiers in Language and Law – A Global Perspective: Linguistic Diversity and Detextualization in Legal Translation" in "Proceedings, First International Conference on Law, Translation, and Culture." Among her many presentations were "The Forensic Linguist's Uneasy Dream: Transcending the Particular and Transforming the Normative Order" at the International Association of Forensic Linguists conference; "Linguistic Ideology and the Law's Embrace of the Genderless Subject" at the International Association of Gender and Language and "Employee Dress Codes: The Semiotic Contest over the Meaning of Race and Gender in the Workplace" at the Law and Society Association.

Thomas Antkowiak, associate professor and director of the Latin America Program, contributed a chapter to a book on the American Convention on Human Rights to be published by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. He was invited to an author's symposium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he presented his work at the University of Buenos Aires. His remarks during a Bogotá conference co-sponsored by the International Criminal Court (ICC) were



published as a chapter in the volume *Perspectiva Iberoamericana Sobre La Justicia Penal Internacional (An Iberoamerican Perspective on International Criminal Justice)*.



Lorraine Bannai, professor of lawyering skills and director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, introduced

Professor Eric Yamamoto at the celebration of his receipt of the Fred Korematsu Professorship of Law and Social Justice at the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law, and served on a panel discussing The Lawyer's Ethical Obligations in Addressing Stereotypes at the 7th Annual ABA GPSolo National Solo & Small Firm Conference in Seattle.

Professor **Steven Bender** and his co-authors completed the fifth edition of their casebook "Modern Real Estate Finance and Land Transfer: A Transactional Approach." He presented at the Global Studies Association North American Conference in Victoria, British Columbia as part of the panel on "The Struggles of Migrants in Times of Dystopia: Combating Hate and Working Towards Compassionate Migration Policies Within the North American Political Economy." He submitted three invited bibliographies for inclusion on the Oxford Bibliographies Online website on the subjects of Latino Property Rights, Cesar Chavez, and Dolores Huerta. He presented on the panel "At the Intersection of Property and Immi-



gration Law" during the Law and Society conference in Honolulu. He was approved for membership in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.



Professor from Practice **Robert Boruchowitz** spoke at a Misdemeanor Roundtable at The Washington Defender Association annual conference

and helped organize a conference at the Charleston School of Law on "Argersinger Undone - The Challenges in Implementing the Right to Counsel in Misdemeanor Courts in South Carolina." A Soros Fellow in 2003, he attended the Soros Justice Fellowships Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and served on a panel and how to work with prosecutors on reform issues. He also made a presentation "Holocaust Teaching – Sample Classroom Approaches" at the 11th Biennial Lessons and Legacies Conference on the Holocaust at Northwestern University.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Deirdre Bowen's** article "Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action" was cited by the American Educational Research Association in its amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Mary Bowman** gave a presentation, "Legal Research



and Writing for Justice” at the SALT Teaching Conference and presented her paper, “Full Disclosure: Cognitive Science, Informers, and Search Warrant Scrutiny,” at the ABA/AALS Criminal Justice Conference round table workshop in Washington, D.C.

Professor **Lisa Brodoff**

director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, gave a presentation on Supervision/Teaching Rounds at the Northwest Clinical Law Conference in Vancouver, B.C. She and Professor **Bridget Hiedemann** of the Albers School of Business presented their paper, “Who Needs Long-Term Care? Does Sexual Orientation Matter?” at the 2nd International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-Term Care held at the London School of Economics.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Patrick Brown** became co-editor of The Journal of Macrodynamical Analysis, an interdisciplinary journal devoted to the scholarly exploration of the method of functional specialization and its implementation in any field.

Professor **Robert Chang**,

executive director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, published the following pieces: “Analyzing Stops, Citations, and Searches in Washington and Beyond” in the Seattle University Law Review; “Centering the Immigrant in the Inter/national Imagination(Part III): Aoki, Rawls, and Immi-



gration” in the Oregon Law Review and “Keith Aoki’s Theory of Racial Microclimates” in UC Davis Law Review, and the chapter “Rescue Me,” in *Masculinities and the Law*. He led the research working group of the Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System that published its Preliminary Report on Race and Washington’s Criminal Justice System in the law reviews of the Washington’s three law schools and delivered the keynote address, “What Is Korea to Me? Reflections on Identity and Discrimination in the Professions” at the 2nd Annual Korean American Health Professionals Association Conference. He was elected to the American Law Institute.



Electronic Services Librarian **Tina Ching** spoke on two panels at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston and presented at the Law Via the Internet Conference hosted by Cornell Law School. The presentation “Can We Trust What’s Online? Conclusions from the National Inventory of Legal Materials” included a discussion on advocacy efforts to pass the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

Margaret Chon, the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice, had several pieces selected for publication, including “The Romantic Collective Author,” in Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law; “Super-colleague,” in the UC Davis Law Review and “Law Professor as Artist,” in the Oregon Law Review. Her “Review of ‘Intellectual Property, Human Rights and Development: The Role of NGOs and Social Movements’” was published in IP Law Book Review. Her co-authored article “Slouching Towards



Development in International Intellectual Property Law” was re-published as a book chapter by The Andean Yearbook of Intellectual Property Rights, based in Peru. She presented “PPPs in Global IP (Public-Private Partnerships in Global Intellectual Property)” at the Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law and Justice while she was a senior global research fellow at NYU, as well as at workshops at Pace Law School, St. John’s University School of Law, Marquette University Law School, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and University of Hong Kong Law School.



Assistant Professor **Brooke Coleman** published “Summary Judgment: What We Think We Know Versus What We Ought To Know” in Loyola University Chicago Law Journal as part of the issue for Seattle University’s 25th Anniversary of the Summary Judgment Trilogy: Reflections on Summary Judgment Colloquium. Her article “The Vanishing Plaintiff” was published in the Seton Hall Law Review, and “Prison is Prison” was accepted for publication in the Notre Dame Law Review.

Assistant Professor **Diane Lourdes Dick**

presented her draft article, “Deconstructing Corporate Financial Distress,” at the National Business Law Scholars Conference at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and at the Canadian Law and Economics Association annual meeting at the University of Toronto. She was also invited to speak on “Legal Ethics for the Transactional Lawyer” at a symposium hosted by the Northern Kentucky Law Review. Her comments will be published in the Fall 2012 issue of the Law Review. Her article, “Confronting the



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Certainty Imperative in Corporate Finance Jurisprudence,” was published in the Utah Law Review.



Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Janet Dickson** presented on working with students who are fearful of public speaking at the Second

Annual Western Regional Legal Writing conference held at the University of Oregon.

Assistant Professor **Gillian Dutton**, director of the Externship Program, presented a training on cultural competence and working with interpreters to law student participants in the Seattle Youth Initiative Citizenship Project. She participated on a panel “Promoting Language Access in the Academy” at the SALT Conference in Baltimore and on “Cultural Sensitivity and Working with Victims of Violence” at the Human Trafficking Summit.



Professor of Lawyering Skills **Anne Enquist**, director of the Legal Writing Program, presented “Who are These Guys (and Gals)? The Millennials Come to Law School” at the ABA Associate Deans Conference and presented at the Western Regional Legal Writing conference at the University of Oregon on the question “Is Multi-Tasking the Key to Balancing our Roles?”

Assistant Professor **Charlotte Garden**’s article (co-authored with Nancy Leong), “So Closely Intertwined: Labor and Racial Solidarity” was accepted for publication by the George Washington Law Review. She also presented that paper at the Interuniversity Research Cen-



ter on Globalization and Work’s 2012 conference on Union Futures. Her symposium piece, “Teaching for America: Unions and Academic Freedom” appeared in the Toledo Law Review, and she spoke at the 2012 ACLU Northwest Civil Liberties Conference on the panel “The First Amendment and Protest: A Year After Occupy.”

Professor **Carmen Gonzalez**’s co-edited book, *Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia*, was published. It was excerpted in the Chronicle of Higher Education’s October 2012 special issue on diversity in academe and will be the subject of a lecture at the law school and a symposium at UC Berkeley in the spring. She also published two book chapters: “Environmental Justice and International Environmental Law” in the *Routledge Handbook of International Environmental Law*, and “China’s Engagement with Latin America: Partnership or Plunder?” in *Natural Resources and the Green Economy*. Her review of Dinah Shelton and Donald Anton’s book, *Environmental Protection and Human Rights*, was published in the Journal of Human Rights and the Environment, and her article on China’s growing economic ties with Latin America was translated into Chinese and published in Jiangxi Social Sciences in the People’s Republic of China. She presented her scholarship at the University of Colorado School of Law, the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, the University of Idaho College of Law, UC Davis School of Law, and the Universidad de San Carlos in Guatemala.



Professor **Lily Kahng** presented her paper “Race and Gender Inequality in Tax Subsidies for Owner Occupied Housing” at

the 2012 Annual Law & Society Meeting and the International Socio-Legal Feminisms FemTax Workshop.



Associate Professor **Won Kidane**’s article “The Inquisitorial Advantage in Removal Proceedings” was published in the Akron Law Review. His article “Procedural Due Process in the Expulsion of Aliens” has been accepted for publication in the Emory International Law Review. His coauthored book *Litigating War* has been completed (Oxford University Press). He has also signed a contract with Oxford University Press for a new book *Diverse Cultures in the New World of International Arbitration*.



Professor **John Kirkwood**, associate dean for strategic planning and mission, presented his forthcoming article “Powerful Buyers and Merger Enforcement” at Oxford University. His essay “The Robinson-Patman Act and Consumer Welfare: Has Volvo Reconciled Them?” was published by e-Competitions in a special issue devoted to recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. His journal, *Research in Law and Economics*, edited with Richard Zerbo (UW), published volume 25 of its hardcover book series.

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills **Constance Krontz**, presented “Going Face-to-Face: Conducting Effective Student Conferences” at the 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute.





Clinical Professor **Raven Lidman** gave a CLE presentation “Transnational Perspectives on a Civil Right to Counsel,” to the World Peace through Law Section of the WSBA.

Professor **Paula Lustbader**, director of the Academic Resource Center, and Professor of Lawyering Skills **Anne Enquist**, director of the Legal Writing Program, presented “Beyond the Beginner’s Toolkit: Power Teaching Tools Developed During 25 Years of Collaboration Between Legal Writing and Academic Support” at the national conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Palm Desert, Calif.



Associate Professor **Natasha Martin**, associate dean for research and faculty development, published “Diversity and the Virtual Workplace: Performance

Identity and Shifting Boundaries of Workplace Engagement,” in *Lewis and Clark Law Review* and “Role, Identity, and Lawyering: Empowering Professional Responsibility in the California Law Review Circuit.” She presented “Diversity and the Virtual Workplace: Avatars and Corporate Culture” at the 2012 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Honolulu. She also presented on a plenary session “So You Want To Be An Administrator (Or You Are Thinking About It)” at the Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop at Suffolk University Law School.

Professor **Tayyab Mahmud**, director of the Center for Global Justice, published “Debt and Discipline” in *American Quarterly*, the peer-reviewed journal of the American Stud-



ies Association. Earlier he presented this paper at the Law & Public Affairs Seminar at Princeton University. His article, “Cheaper Than a Slave: Indentured Labor, Colonialism and Capitalism,” based on his keynote address at the “Expanding Critical Spaces in International Law Discourse” Conference, will be published in *Whittier Law Review*. He presented “A Toxic Trade: Mobility of Common Law and Coup d’Etat” at the session on “The Travels of Law” at the Law & Society Association’s Annual Meeting, and “Third World Approaches to International Law: A Reappraisal” at the SALT Teaching Conference. He was nominated for election to the Board of Trustees of the Law and Society Association.



Professor from Practice **John McKay** helped to train Georgian judges in complex criminal and terrorism trials in Batumi at the request of the U.S.

Department of Justice. His essay, “Un-Apolo-gizing for Context and Experience in Legal Education” was published in the *Creighton Law Review*. He was presented the Judge Learned Hand Award by the American Jewish Committee with keynote remarks by William Ruckelshaus and Gov. Christine Gregoire.

Douglas Nash, director of the Center for Indian Law and Policy, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Northwest Indian Bar Association. His review of Lewis & Clark Law School Professor Robert J. Miller’s book, “Reservation ‘Capitalism’: Economic Development in Indian Country,” was published in the *Seattle Journal for Social Justice*.



Dean Mark C. Niles presented at a workshop titled “Restructuring Legal Education to Enhance Access to Justice,” at the state Access to Justice Conference. He was interviewed for the half-hour TV program “Seattle Voices,” answering questions ranging from what led him to a career in the law to the law school’s commitment to social justice.

Professor **Catherine O’Neill** participated in an invitation-only workshop on regulatory reform at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California-Berkeley, and gave a presentation addressing the legal and policy issues raised by Washington’s fish consumption rate to the Washington Tribal Leaders’ Water.



Associate Professor **Russ Powell** had several pieces accepted for publication, including: “Fethullah Gulen,” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic*

Law; “Constitutional Secularism in Turkey: Comparative Insights Regarding Religion and Democracy” to be included in an edited volume on democracy and religion to be published by Fordham University Press, and “Evolving Views of Islamic Law in Turkey,” in the *Journal of Law and Religion*. His presentations included “Secularism and Islamic Law in Turkey” at the Journalists and Writers Foundation in Istanbul; “Bases for Christian-Muslim Dialogue” at Sungurbey Koleji in Nigde; and “A Comparison of Secularism in Islam and Catholicism” at the Democracy, Culture and Catholicism International Research Project” at the Gregorian University in Rome.

Above the bar: faculty achievements



Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills **Sara Rankin**, published “Tired of Talking: A Call for Clear Strategies for Legal Education Reform – Moving

Beyond the Discussion of Good Ideas to the Real Transformation of Law Schools” in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. She served as chair of the SALT Teaching Conference “Teaching Social Justice, Expanding Access to Justice: The Role of Legal Education & The Legal Profession.” She and Associate Professor **Lisa Brodoff**, director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, presented “We Have a Dream: The Integrated Future of Legal Writing and Clinical Programs” at the Legal Writing Institute’s Annual Conference in Palm Springs.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Becca Rausch** published “Health Cover(age)ing” in the Nebraska Law Review.

Professor of Lawyering Skills **Chris Rideout**, associate director of the Legal Writing Program, presented “Ethos, Character, and Discoursal Self in Persuasive Legal Writing” at the Legal Writing Institute’s biennial conference in Palm Desert, Calif. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Denver for a week, where he presented a paper to the faculty titled “A Twice-Told Tale: Plausibility and Narrative Coherence in Judicial Writing.” He made a presentation to the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Scholarship Group on “Discoursal Identities: The Arc of an Idea,” and he talked with law students about “Who Are You? The Identity of Legal Writers.”



Assistant Professor **Anna Roberts** is the newest faculty member at Seattle University School of Law. She joined the law school this fall after three years as

acting assistant professor of lawyering at New York University School of Law. Her scholarship focuses on race and the criminal jury. Before entering the legal academy, Professor Roberts served as a law clerk to Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York and worked as a public defender at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. She co-facilitated a roundtable “The Criminal Law Syllabus: What to Cut and What to Keep,” at the SALT Teaching Conference, hosted by the University of Maryland School of Law. She also workshopped a paper “Letting in the Underdog,” at the joint ABA/AALS Criminal Justice Conference in Washington D.C. Professor Roberts has a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Cambridge, where she graduated first in her class in Classics, earning a Starred First with Distinction. She graduated magna cum laude from New York University School of Law, where she was a Dean’s Scholar, a Florence Allen Scholar, and a Member of the Order of the Coif.

Julie Shapiro, made a presentation at the conference “Engaging Tradition And Stigma: Divergent Trends in Reproductive and Sexual Rights” at Columbia Law School. She and adjunct professor **Raegen Rasnic** delivered a paper “All Are Welcome in My Father’s House: Examining Religious Freedom as the Basis for Discrimination in Adoption and Foster Care Placement” at the meeting of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys in Salt Lake City.



Professor from Practice **Ada Shen-Jaffe** serves on the Racial Justice Advisory Committee for the Sargent Shriver National Poverty Law Center’s “Racial Justice Training Institute,” an initiative for the national equal justice community funded by a multi-year Ford Foundation grant.



Visiting Assistant Professor **Kirsten Schimpff**’s article, “Rule 3.8, the Jencks Act, and How the ABA Created a Conflict Between Ethics and the Law on Prosecutorial Disclosure,” in the American University Law Review. She delivered a presentation on “Rethinking the Teaching of Legal Research” at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Palm Desert, Calif.

Associate Professor **Andrew Siegel** and his co-authors completed The Supreme Court Sourcebook, which will be published in February. He presented papers and lectures at a variety of conferences, including “History and Law in the Seattle Schools Case” at the History of Education Society Annual Meeting; “Constitutional Constraints on Courtroom Management Decisions” at the Washington State Judiciary’s Annual Judicial Education Conference; and “Supreme Court and Constitutional Law Overview at the Washington State Judiciary’s Spring Appellate Judges Conference.”





Associate Professor **Gregory Silverman** presented “Legal Ethics in Tribal Courts” as part of the 24th Annual WSBA Indian Law Seminar “Transformations of Federal Indian Law and Transitions in Tribal Law Practice.”

David Skover, the Fredric C. Tausend Professor, has contracted for the publication of two books in 2013. *Mania: The Story of the Outraged and Outrageous Lives that Launched a Generation* will be released by Top Five Books March 1. *On Dissent: Its Meaning in America*, will be released by Cambridge University Press on July 4.



Professor Ron Slye was chosen to receive the President’s Award of the World Peace Through World Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association. The President’s Award is given to an individual who has shown substantial contributions toward world peace, international law, and international human rights.



Assistant Professor **Jane Stoeve** presented “Getting Beyond the Classroom: Teaching Context to Better Serve Clients” and her article, “Transforming Domestic Violence Representation,” which is forthcoming in the *Kentucky Law Journal*, at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Los Angeles. She also presented “The Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence” as part of a national teleconference that was hosted by the American Bar

Association’s Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Center on Children and the Law, and AIDS Coordinating Committee.

Professor **John Strait** serves as president of the Seattle University Academic Assembly and is working on revisions of the Faculty Handbook for the university. He made several presentations for the Hearing Examiners of Washington Annual Conference, “Appearance of Fairness and Political Activities of Hearing Examiners;” the Snohomish County Bar Association, “Evidentiary and Ethical Issues Surrounding Electronic Evidence;” the Washington State Bar Association Civil Rights Under Law Section CLE; chaired a panel and presented “Ethical Concerns Posed by Joint Defense in Section 1983 Litigation When a Single Law Firm Represents Individual Officers and the Municipalities for which They Serve;” chaired and presented at Ethical Dilemmas for the Practicing Lawyer at the annual WSBA program; presented In House Counsel Training for CORBIS Corporation and presented the same material in a later program for the



Corporate Counsel Section of the WSBA, “Ethics Dilemmas for In House Counsel, Professional Conduct in the Corporation.” Professor Strait also submitted an article entitled, “What To Do When Either the Prosecution or Defense Subpoenas the Opposing Counsel in a Criminal Case.”

Visiting Professor George Van Cleve was invited to lecture in England at the Universities of Kent and Oxford. He will give the Roger Anstey Memorial Lecture in History at the University of Kent, speaking on slavery and the American Civil War. He will also present a legal history seminar on a British case challenging the Royal African Company slave trade monopoly at the University of Kent School of Law. At Oxford, he will present a paper on the American “paper money wars” of 1785-1787 to a legal and political history seminar. His review essay “High Time to Ask Again: What are States Good For?” will appear in *Reviews in American History*. It is an essay on a new constitutional history of federalism, “The Upside-Down Constitution.”



RED MASS: Faculty members proceed from Sullivan Hall for the annual Red Mass. They are led by Professor of Lawyering Skills Anne Enquist, director of the Legal Writing Program, and joined by members of the judiciary. Photo by Jennifer Richard.

Arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals was the highlight of Will Witherspoon's law school career. Photos by Matt Hagen.

A strong argument

Student impresses with
Court of Appeals appearance

Arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is a rarity for practicing lawyers. So when Will Witherspoon found out he would have the chance to do so while still a student, he knew it was an extraordinary opportunity.

“It was absolutely the defining moment of law school,” said Witherspoon, who graduated this month. He is the first Seattle University School of Law student to appear before the appellate court as part of a law school course.

He made his argument in *Hoisington v. Williams* in October, challenging policies at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island that require residents to be strip searched and shackled during transport to off-island medical appointments. He appeared under the supervision of Korematsu Center Clinical Teaching Fellow Anjana Malhotra and Korematsu Center Executive Director Bob Chang.

He argued that the visual body cavity searches and shackling of civilly committed detainees constitute punitive conditions of confinement and unreasonable searches and seizures where residents are under constant armed guard during transport and other, less intrusive alternatives are available at the facility.

The judges and professors were impressed, with Judge Milan Smith congratulating Witherspoon on his advocacy and comparing him to the attorneys he hears.

“He did a fantastic job,” Chang said. “Will’s great performance is also a credit to the superb legal education he received at our law school and to the tremendous help he received from so many of our colleagues and members of the practicing bar who took the time to moot him over the last two months.”

Witherspoon started work on this case with Elise Fandrich and other students in the law school’s Civil Rights Amicus Clinic last spring. He was supported in his preparation by faculty, members of the practicing bar, and student fellows of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality.

Malhotra, who teaches the law school’s Civil Rights Amicus Clinic last spring, contacted the Ninth Circuit regarding cases that students might handle. Given the civil rights focus of the clinic and the pressing need to provide legal assistance to pro se clients in Washington, she and Chang agreed this was an excellent case for them.

“This case is significant because, in it, we argue that there are limits on the way that the state can treat individuals held in indefinite civil detention,” she said. “Because Monte Hoisington has already served his sentence and is civilly detained, he has greater constitutional rights than prisoners.”

Though Witherspoon was disappointed in the ruling, which didn’t address their argument and instead remanded the matter back to

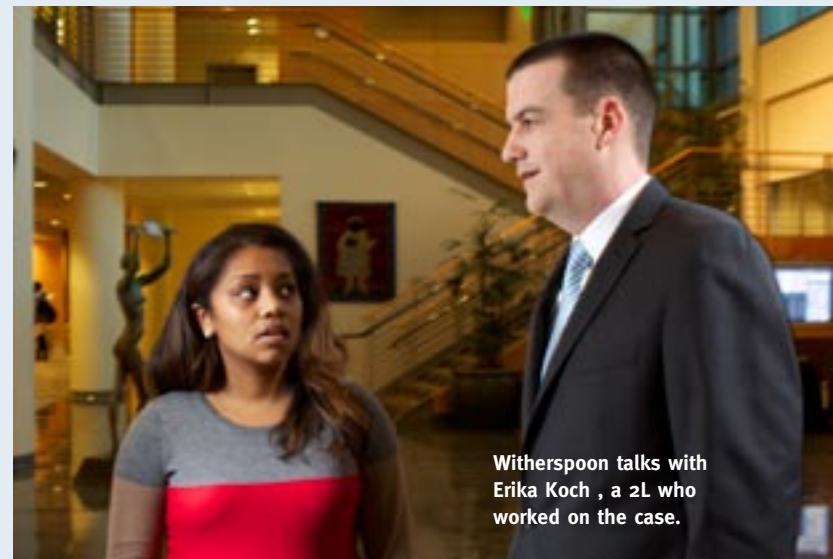
District Court because of policy changes within the Department of Corrections, he said the experience was invaluable. He is especially grateful for the support from faculty and practicing attorneys who helped him prepare.

“Through their questioning, testing, and brainstorming of the arguments, I’ve learned what it takes to fully prepare,” he said.

Witherspoon completed law school in the Part-Time Program, while continuing his work as an engineer at The Boeing Co., which required travel to the Middle East.

“It’s demanding,” he admits, but he is excited for a career change that came about unexpectedly.

While working for Boeing in Japan, he took a certificate course in torts at the Tokyo campus of Temple University School of Law.



“There was something about it that clicked with me,” he said.

So he started looking at law schools and was drawn to Seattle University School of Law’s social justice focus. “I just kind of fell in love with it,” he said.

That prompted he and his wife to move back to the United States so he could attend law school. It was the right decision. Witherspoon excelled. In addition to his clinic work, he was an extern for Federal District Court Judge Thomas Zilly and was named the Dean’s Medalist at December graduation.

After his work on the Hoisington case, he is more committed to doing public interest law. He hopes to pursue that in his home state of Tennessee.

“There were so people involved in this case, all fighting the fight, doing good,” he said. “It was really inspiring and gave me something to strive for.”

Seattle University School of Law is proud to introduce its 12-13 full tuition scholars. The law school gives two Scholars for Justice Awards annually to students who have a proven commitment to working in the public interest before and after law school and a Native Law Scholar Award to a member of a federally recognized tribe. This year's scholars are:



Becky Fish

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SCHOLAR FOR JUSTICE

Born and raised in Seattle, Becky explored a variety of public service opportunities before deciding to pursue a career in law. In high school, she interned at Mount Zion Preparatory Academy, where she learned not only about persistent systemic barriers to education but also how one community had created its own alternative institution to overcome these barriers that opened her eyes to the relationship between power, prejudice and poverty in the U.S.

She earned her B.A. in Public Policy and American Institutions from Brown University, where she worked with the Student Labor Alliance in support of workers orga-

nizing for fair pay and work standards. She interned with non-profit organizations and government offices promoting access to health care, protection from domestic violence, stable housing and land rights. After graduation, she was an AmeriCorps VISTA through Solid Ground's Martin Luther King Jr. VISTA team.

"In all of these experiences, I was struck by how frequently a felony conviction proved to be an insurmountable barrier, based on a concern for public safety," she said. "I have seen how the system by which we classify people as felons has more to do with institutional racism and classism than with public safety."

Motivated to fight this injustice, she has worked for a public defender for the past two years. She will continue to work while earn-

ing her degree in the law school's Part-Time Program.

"Every day, I see the attorneys in my office help our clients assert their humanity in a system designed to label them only as dangerous or bad," she said. "In defending individuals, I see how attorneys also challenge rules, practices and policies to effect positive systemic change. I hope to follow in the footsteps of these lawyers, to stand up against a dehumanizing system and strive for actual justice."



Jocelyn McCurtain

Alex Kain

SCHOLAR FOR JUSTICE

Alex grew up in Olympia, where she was exposed to politics and government early on. She started her undergraduate education at Seattle University in 2003. After studying abroad in Barcelona her sophomore year, she decided to take some time to see the world before going back to school. She lived in Barcelona for two years and also spent time in Germany, Austria, Russia and Sweden. She interned for a Women's Crisis Center for victims of rape and trafficking in St. Petersburg, Russia, and worked on organic farms in Sweden.

She has spent the last several years working as a domestic violence advocate in various capacities for the YWCA, New Beginnings and the Salvation Army. She has volunteered with Legal Voice on its self-help committee, bringing legal self-help materials to Spanish

and Russian speakers. She is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Russian. She also served a year with AmeriCorps at Sea Mar Community Health Center.

She returned to college knowing she wanted to go to law school, committed to bringing more women's voices to the forefront of politics, business, and society.

"In order for this to happen, women need to be respected and treated with dignity in the public sphere, in the media, and at home," she said. "Women are systematically excluded from many facets of society either directly or indirectly, while others are under such control and abuse at home that they don't even have the option of raising their voice."



Alex Kain

Jocelyn McCurtain

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW SCHOLAR

Jocelyn McCurtain graduated from the University of Washington, where she studied vocal performance and sociology. She worked throughout her undergraduate career to engage students on issues pertaining to sexual assault and relationship violence.

As the director of the Committee Organizing Rape Education, Jocelyn implemented various programs, including the Rock Riot Run 5K, the proceeds from which were donated to a domestic violence shelter. She also spearheaded the creation of a program "Through Our Eyes", which sought to educate students on the effects of sexual assault and domestic violence amongst minority communities and co-founded Students Against Sexually Exploited Youth.

She served as vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Washington in 2011 and was the Student Representative on the Board of Directors for the University Bookstore.

After graduation, Jocelyn was chosen to attend the prestigious Pre-Law Summer Program sponsored by the American Indian Law Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Through this program, Jocelyn was introduced to Native American scholars and advocates from around the country.

"This experience further solidified my aspiration of being an advocate on behalf of Native American women and children on issues pertaining to sexual assault and domestic violence within Indian Country," she said.

She is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and is very proud of her Indian heritage. She hopes to practice law with one of the many tribes in Washington, utilizing her law degree from Seattle University of Law to make a positive impact on behalf of Native Americans.



Cover story



Seeking truth and justice *for* Kenyans

By Professor Ron Slye

I was looking for a challenge. I am tenured and had been at Seattle University for a dozen years (by far the longest I had ever been in the same job; the record previously had been a quarter of that amount). I enjoyed teaching, and had been able to pursue my international interests with the support of the law school and the university. I was beginning to fear, however, that the pleasant rhythm of the academic year was lulling me into complacency. I was ready for a challenge, and I certainly got one.

I spent the last three years serving on the Kenyan Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission. Our work was at times emotionally draining and politically charged, but it was also groundbreaking, and, I hope, will be healing for the thousands who have suffered unspeakable horror and incredible loss.

The first inkling of the opportunity arrived in the form of an email that I received through Facebook. The email was from a woman I did not know (she was not a friend or acquaintance in the real sense, nor was she a friend in the Facebook sense). She introduced herself as working for Kofi Annan, the former UN Secretary General, in Nairobi. She informed me that Kenya was in the process of establishing a truth and reconciliation commission, and wondered if I would be interested in being considered for one of the three international commissioners. If so, I should send to her my CV. Without much thought, I promptly did so.

In December 2007 Kenyans had gone to the polls to participate in that country's fourth national multi-party elections. The incumbent, Mwai Kibaki, had been elected in 2002 under a broad reform agenda (Kibaki had served at significantly high levels in all Kenyan governments since independence in 1963, and thus was a reform candidate from inside government). The promise of 2002 was short-lived, as it became apparent that the new reformist government would be as reluctant as its predecessors to combat corruption and usher in the reforms necessary to establish a robust democracy that protects the fundamental rights of its citizens. (The circumstances leading to this disillusionment are ably recounted in Michela Wrong's excellent book, "It's Our Turn to Eat.") Raila Odinga, who had joined forces with President Kibaki in 2002 on the reformist ticket, was the challenger.

There was a dispute concerning who won the election, and in a much-criticized move, the chief justice administered the oath of office to Mwai Kibaki in an unprecedented midnight

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Cover story



Professor Ron Slye listens to fellow Commissioners, Professor Tom Ojienda and Tecla Namachanja Wanjala, vice chair of the commission.

ceremony amid calls of fraud. The government immediately ordered a news blackout and mobilized the security forces. The situation quickly deteriorated into violence, with more than 1,000 people killed, tens of thousands assaulted and raped, and hundreds of thousands displaced. Many feared that Kenya was about to witness a Rwanda-style genocide. It was, according to an independent commission of inquiry, “by far the most deadly and the most destructive violence ever experienced in Kenya.”

The African Union set up a panel of experts to facilitate negotiations to end the violence. The result was an agreement between the two disputing parties to create a coalition govern-

ment with Mwai Kibaki retaining the office of President, and Raila Odinga occupying a newly created position of Prime Minister. The agreement, known as the National Accord, also committed the government to a series of reforms. One commission of inquiry was established to investigate the post-election violence and to identify those responsible. Another commission was established to investigate the election, recommend electoral reforms, and to identify the winner of the election if possible.

A committee was established to draft a new Constitution that would bring Kenya into the family of countries with constitutions that encompass the broad range of human

rights protections recognized under international law. A permanent commission was established to oversee the broad project of promoting national cohesion and integration – a crucial task in a country with more than 40 recognized ethnic groups and with a history of ethnic tension and conflict that, in the worst of times, such as the 2007 elections, has erupted into near genocidal killings and related atrocities.

Finally, the National Accord directed that a truth, justice, and reconciliation commission be established to look at the broad history of human rights violations in Kenya from independence (Dec. 12, 1963) to the date of the signing of the National Accord (Feb.

28, 2008). The Commission was designed to have six Kenyan commissioners, and three international commissioners. The email from my newly acquired Facebook friend was in connection with filling the positions of the three international commissioners.

I was blessed to be chosen as one of them. The other two international commissioners were from Africa: a female judge from Zambia and a male UN diplomat from Ethiopia. We were joined by six Kenyans who had gone through a vetting process involving civil society and Parliament. We were to find, however, that the vetting was not as thorough as it should have been.

One of the major challenges we faced concerned our chairman. It emerged within six months of the Commission being created that our chairman was linked to three areas of human rights violations we were to investigate: an assassination, a massacre, and corruption related to land transactions. Because of his presence and his unwillingness to agree to a process of evaluating whether he should remain with the Commission given his clear conflicts of interest, we lost a year of work.

During that time much of civil society, most foreign donors, and some victims groups refused to work with us. We thus spent a year with little money and little public support. He did agree to leave the Commission temporarily for 14 months, during which we were able to raise money and conduct much of the work we were hired to do. Unfortunately he



Former United Nations Secretary Kofi Annan greets Judge Gertrude Chawatama, one of the international commissioners.

returned, again without any process evaluating whether it was proper for him to be a member, much less chair, of the Commission given his conflicts of interest.

During that 14-month period, much work was done. While I was based in the comfortable and cosmopolitan city of Nairobi, I traveled the length and breadth of Kenya. From the verdant tea farms in the west and southwest of the country, to the dry desert region in the northeast, I saw a higher percentage of diversity in Kenya than I have of

any other country in the world, including the United States.

As part of our work, the Commission visited each of the 47 counties of the country and held public hearings in each of those areas. Kenya is a diverse country: a coastal region that has a booming tourism (including sex tourism) trade that used to be a protectorate of the Sultan of Oman; the desert regions of the Northeast; a northern region with much of the population leading a pastoralist lifestyle; coffee and tea growing regions to the

"We were in our houses. They came at around 6:00 a.m. They took out all the men, they beat all the men. They took me and a neighbour and raped us. Some animals were killed and others were taken away. My husband was killed in the process...while one was holding my hand, another held my legs, and they broke my knee. After the first one raped me, the other one who was holding my hands raped me too...they raped my neighbour's daughter also."

—A woman testifying about abuses suffered in the 1960s – but not forgotten.



Former UN Secretary Kofi Annan traveled to Nairobi to meet with the commission and discuss its work.

west with the second tallest mountain in Africa; and a capital, Nairobi, of over three million people that is a major financial and political center of the east African region. One day we spent 17 hours driving over rocky dirt tracks (to call them roads would be a bit of an overstatement); another day we braced ourselves in the car as we slid down a muddy road down the side of a mountain with a sheer drop off to our right.

We usually spent three days in a location

conducting public hearings. One day was devoted to a women's hearing, during which women testified to fellow women about the atrocities they had experienced and witnessed. It was humbling to arrive in a remote desert village to find literally hundreds of people patiently waiting for us to set up so they could tell their stories. I will never forget some of the faces and voices of those many Kenyans who patiently and calmly recounted horrific atrocities that they, their family, or

their friends had suffered.

Many of them had never spoken of the abuses they suffered. As one woman told us, "I did not imagine that a day will come when we will talk freely about issues affecting us."

Did it make a difference? As with all such questions, the answer is complex. There is no question that holding public hearings and providing individuals with an opportunity to, in many cases for the first time, share their stories of violation with their commu-

"We were still sleeping on the sand. The sun was hot. We were not wearing any clothes, we were not given food or shelter. They continued beating and hacking us using knives, pangas and runkus. This went on throughout the night. At night, soldiers could use big stones to beat us. I remember somebody called Mohammed Jilo who is well known in Wajir. He asked them, why they were playing with us. Are we not Kenyan citizens? Why are you doing this to us? Are you not Government soldiers? Are you not Africans like us? Why are you mistreating us? Two soldiers took a very big stone and started beating him. The man was smashed on the ground."

—Testimony about the 1984 Wagalla Massacre

nities and the nation, provided some benefit. Countless witnesses acknowledged the relief they felt in finally being able to share their stories. But many, including many of those who were grateful for being able to share their stories publicly for the first time, wanted more; for them justice demanded more than just public acknowledgement. Some wanted reparations – either direct assistance to themselves, educational assistance for their children, or the creation of local health clinics and other community resources. Some also want those individuals responsible for the violations to be held to account, usually through criminal prosecution.

As I write this we have still not completed our work. We are in the process of drafting our final report, which will include recommendations with respect to reparations, prosecutions, legal and institutional reforms, and other matters arising from the testimony we received from more than 40,000 Kenyans (the most number of testimonies received by any such Commission; the South African

“We could not even get water to give the children. I left them under a tree and went back only to find that the father was among the people who were killed by the cops. I witnessed his body being put in a car. They threw the dead body into the river. Men were in the field while women and children were at home. The women were raped, girls were crying for help and no one could help them. Some people died and those who did not die were released after three days. The issue is very painful. It affected very many people. Many women were raped. We give thanks to God that some people survived.”

—Recounting a 1980 massacre

truth commission, by contrast, received testimony from a little over 20,000 people out of a national population similar in size to Kenya). I continue to draft, edit, and engage in other related work for the Commission as I return to teaching at the law school.

It is perhaps too early to assess adequately

how this three-year experience has influenced my teaching, scholarship and service. I have no doubt that it has. As I ease back into the relative comfort of academia, I find myself grateful for the predictable rhythm of the academic year: the eager intellectual curiosity of my students, the intellectual engagement and collegiality of my colleagues, and the dedication, hard work, and efficiency of the university’s staff. I also find myself remembering the faces and voices of the thousands of Kenyans I encountered. Their struggle is inspiring, and I hope, that as I and the Commission begin to wind up our work, that we will achieve some small measure of justice for them and their families.

Professor Ron Slye teaches, writes and consults on public international law and international human rights law. He specializes in international criminal law, including legal responses to genocide and other mass atrocities. He previously served as a legal consultant to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and advised the Documentation Center of Cambodia, the main repository of documents on the Khmer Rouge era. Read more about the Commission’s work at www.tjrkenya.org



On a previous trip to South Africa, Slye read descriptions of the people incarcerated in Section Four, the notorious jail at The Fort in Johannesburg, where both Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela were jailed.

Be heard and connect to the Law Alumni Board



Craig Sims '97

The Law Alumni Board (LAB), led by President Craig Sims '97, has reconvened after a restructure of the LAB this summer. The updated mission of the Board is:

- *to protect and enhance the strength of the law school's academic and professional development programs,*
- *to promote and extend the positive profile of the law school,*
- *to support students and alumni in achieving their professional goals, and*
- *to ensure the fulfillment of the law school's mission to promote social justice and to educate leaders for a more just and humane world.*

The Law Alumni Board welcomes your input in order to ensure that Seattle University School of Law continues to grow and build strong programs and services for our students, alumni and community.

To that end, Dean Mark Niles in collaboration with the Law Alumni Board has created four working committees: Outreach, Mentoring and Professional Development, Strategic Planning, and Development.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or would like to contact a particular committee about an idea, please email lawalumni@seattleu.edu.



Hozaifa Cassubhai '07



Melissa Chin '08



Cynthia Jones '06



The Honorable Patrick Oishi '96

LAB welcomes four new members

Hozaifa Cassubhai '07 is an attorney at Yarmuth Wilsdon, practicing primarily in the area of complex commercial litigation, and is the current Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Inter*m CDA. He is a member of the William L. Dwyer Inn of Court and the South Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Melissa Chin '08 is a precinct liaison attorney for the Seattle City Attorney's Office, serving the South and Southwest police precincts. She is co-chair of the Chinese Information and Service Center and serves on the Board of Directors for SafeFutures Youth Center.

Cynthia Jones '06 is the managing attorney at Jones Legal Group, LLC in Seattle. She serves as co-chair of the Federal Bar Association Membership Committee, is on the Board at Legal Voice, and is an executive committee member for the King County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section.

The Honorable Patrick Oishi '96 was appointed to the King County Superior Court in 2011. Prior to his appointment, he served as commissioner on the Pierce County Superior Court, focusing on adult criminal cases. He is a member of the Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System and a board member of the Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Top 10 Ways to Stay Involved

- 1 Attend CLEs.** Alumni receive significant discounts and hardship fee waivers are available. www.law.seattleu.edu/Continuing_Legal_Education.xml
- 2 Network and socialize** at events such as Sidebar Happy Hours, Influential Voices lectures and the 40th Anniversary Celebration. www.law.seattleu.edu/Alumni/Events_and_Programs.xml
- 3 Share your accomplishments with our community.** Send news about your career moves or family to lawalumni@seattleu.edu or update at www.law.seattleu.edu/Alumni/Keep_Us_Current.xml
- 4 Join the online alumni directory** at www.seattleu.edu/alumni/get-involved/directory/
- 5 Recruit** a well-qualified prospective student. The law school provides a waiver of the \$60 application fee for applicants referred by an alum.
- 6 Make a gift** to the Annual Fund for Excellence, join the Dean's Club or Emerging Leaders. Your annual support affects everything we do, every day. www.law.seattleu.edu/Giving.xml
- 7 Partner** with our Access to Justice Institute to provide critical programming and student opportunities. Visit www.law.seattleu.edu/1936.xml
- 8 Stay informed.** Read the Alumni Office emails, the In Summary e-newsletter and The Lawyer. Not receiving these? Please email lawalumni@seattleu.edu.
- 9 Utilize** the law library and research resources. The library is open to all alumni. For check out privileges receive an alumni library card for \$25. www.law.seattleu.edu/Library.xml
- 10 Hire** our highly-qualified graduates and students. Let us know of open positions at your firm, or post a job online with Symplicity. Please email lawcareers@seattleu.edu.

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Important dates

January 24

Sidebar Happy Hour at Black Bottle, Seattle

February 7

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March 13

Latina/o Alumni Awards

April 11

40th anniversary and reunions

May 30

A Toast to our Donors

Out & About



Jocelyn Kiyuna '08 and Alyce Perry '09 catch up at the Northern California Law Alumni Reception.



Law Alumni Board member John Worden '89 with Karen Korematsu, a National Advisory Board Member of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, at a reception with Northern California alumni this fall.



State Supreme Court Justice Steve González was honored during the Red Mass reception at the law school. He celebrated with his wife, Michelle, left, and Alumni Board member Jennifer Shaw '87, Debora Juarez '87, and Fê Lopez '06, director of alumni relations and annual fund at the law school. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Dean Mark Niles talks with San Francisco alumni Deidra Moss '11 and Chantale Dasher '11.



Ken Masters '92 and the Honorable Nancy Bradburn-Johnson '83 were among the former students Professor Laurel Oates '78 called up to join her as she accepted her award for transformational service. Photo by Matt Hagen.



Clemencia Woolery '97, a member at the Tacoma firm Eisenhower Carlson PLLC, enjoyed the reception honoring Professor Laurel Oates and the late Professor Tom Holdych at the Tacoma Art Museum. Photo by Matt Hagen.



Former State Sen. Cheryl Pflug '12 attended the reception in Tacoma. Many faculty also attended. Photo by Matt Hagen.

Alexander Straub '05, left, was among the alumni veterans and students honored at a reception at the law school. He is pictured with Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow Alex West '12, right, and Sharon Powell of the WSBA Lawyers Assisting Military Personnel.



Richard Mitchell, president of King County Bar Association, with Michele Radosevich '94, president of the Washington State Bar Association, in their robes for the procession to the Chapel of St. Ignatius for Red Mass 2012. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Mark O'Halloran '02, chair of the Law Alumni Board Development Committee, Randy Aliment '80, The Honorable Cheri Filion '78, Jason McGill '01 JD/MBA, and AAA CEO Kirk Nelson '85 MBA, at the Columbia Tower Sidebar Happy Hour. The law school co-hosted the event with the Albers School of Business and Economics. Photo by Jennifer Richard.



Spy the Lie

Former CIA agent authors book about detecting deception

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND HANSEN



Mike Floyd '92

There's a reason the courtroom oath asks someone to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

It covers just about any type of lie a person might tell, says Mike Floyd, who has spent decades catching lies of commission, omission and lies of influence. Influence – lies people tell to try to convince someone they are telling the truth.

But, Floyd says, that hand on the Bible won't bring out the truth from everyone.

"If somebody thinks it's in their best interest to lie and they think they can get away with it, they will," he said. "As long as the person knows there are consequences associated with the lie being detected, they will exhibit deceptive behavior."

Floyd '92 is a leading authority on interviewing, detection of deception, and elicitation in cases involving criminal activity, personnel screening, and national security issues. He co-wrote "Spy the Lie," which teaches people how to detect lies in their everyday lives.

He served in both the CIA and the National Security Agency, founded Advanced Polygraph Services, where he conducted high-profile interviews and interrogations for law enforcement agencies, law firms, and private industry, and is a founding partner at Qverity, which provides behavioral analysis and screening services for private- and public-sector clients worldwide. His

co-authors are his partners Susan Carnicero, Don Tennant and Phillip Houston, who also worked for the CIA or NSA.

“Every time we would do a training, people would ask us where they could get more information,” Floyd said.

So they wrote, “Spy the Lie.” Using examples such as former Congressman Anthony Weiner’s public reaction to the Twitter scandal, Jerry Sundusky’s odd interview with Bob Costas and O.J. Simpson’s interrogation by police after the murders of his ex-wife and her friend, they show how their methodology can detect deception. They also use war stories from their careers.

“We wanted something that could be very practical, understandable and interesting,” Floyd said.

Floyd points out there are many myths and misconceptions about lying. Many people assume if someone doesn’t make eye contact or appears nervous, those are indicators of dishonesty.

“They’re not necessarily, because we don’t know the cause of those, we don’t evaluate them,” he said.

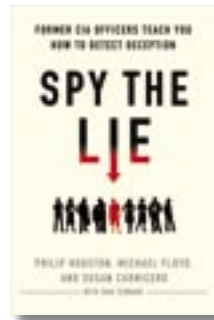
More important is asking the right questions, then properly evaluating the answers, he said.

“If you don’t ask good questions, if your questions are ambiguous, any behavior you get in response will be ambiguous,” he said.

And if someone doesn’t answer a direct question, qualifies their answers (“I’m pretty sure” or “I don’t really remember”) or acts incredibly defensive, they just might be lying to you.

“Going on the attack is a very effective way to lie,” he said.

The book also explores obstacles to detecting deception, including our own tendency to want to believe someone. It even offers a set of questions for parents hiring caregivers for their children or spouses who suspect infidelity.



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Everything in “Spy the Lie” is based on years of experience of detecting deception in crucial situations. Floyd began his career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Military Police, serving in the U.S. and Asia. After spending six years on the staff of John E. Reid and Associates as a polygrapher and instructor on detection of deception, interviewing, and interrogation, he served in both the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. Over the course of his career, he has conducted more than 8,000 interviews and interrogations worldwide.

It’s a paradox that in order to perform his job, he has at times had to practice the type of lying he’s an expert at detecting. When he served in the CIA, he wasn’t allowed to tell anyone except immediate family where he worked. He couldn’t even tell his now wife before they were married.

“Certainly being undercover is inherently deceptive,” he said.

It was after he left the federal government that he and his wife moved to Seattle and he enrolled at Seattle University School of Law. Though he never practiced law, he says law school was a huge benefit. Admitted through the Access Admission Program, he even includes Academic Resource Director Paula Lustbader ’88 and Professor Dave Boerner in his acknowledgements in “Spy the Lie.”

“I was one of those people who went to

law school later in life, and I lacked a lot of confidence,” he said. “I felt like I was in over my head. But all the professors, in particular Paula and Dave, were tremendous role models. It is amazing how much the three years I was there impacted my life.”

Rather than pursue a career in the law, he capitalized on his training and experience in polygraph interviewing and interrogating and founded Advanced Polygraph Services, where he conducted high-profile interviews and interrogation for law enforcement, law firms and private industry.

Floyd remains connected to the law school, and has attended functions in Washington, D.C., and California’s Bay area. He lives in Napa.

He admits it’s hard to turn his deception detecting skills off, but says it doesn’t bother him.

“It’s made me more professionally skeptical of information people are telling me,” he said. “If somebody’s telling me about their vacation, I don’t care if it’s true or not.”

If fact, he says most people lie on average 10 times a day. That includes lies to spare someone’s feelings or offer an excuse – blaming traffic for being tardy to an appointment or telling a friend you have to work late to get out of a social engagement.

“I believe people are basically honest,” Floyd said. “If we all told the truth all the time, life would be pretty awful for all of us.”

1974

David Henningsen opened a mediation practice, DH Mediation, in San Jose, Calif. He has mediated hundreds of cases covering a wide range of topics. Previously, he was a partner at Robinson & Wood, a civil litigation firm in San Jose.

1976

Justice Charles W. Johnson of the Washington Supreme Court, was awarded the 2012 John J. McAulay Legal Educator Award from Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity for "contributions to legal education upon a lifetime of dedication to the principles and ideals of integrity, compassion, courage, and professional service."

1977



Barry Mesher joined Sedgwick LLP as a partner in Seattle. He focuses his practice on toxic, mass and municipal torts, premises liability, insurance coverage, product liability, professional liability, and labor and employment law.

1979

Marty Brown was selected as the executive director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Previously, he served as director of the Office of Financial Management.

Mary Gentry joined The Olympian Newspaper's editorial board as a community representative after a 30-year law career in the Puget Sound.

Jim Rigos published the 2013-2014 national set of Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) book. He was also elected the national chair of the Ethics and Dual Practice Committee of the American Association of Attorney CPAs.

Malcolm Lindquist, a shareholder at Lane Powell, was elected to serve

a four-year term as a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers, a professional organization dedicated to promoting the field of commercial finance law through education, legislative reform and the recognition of distinguished practitioners, jurists and academics.



1980

Stephen Kortemeier was the lead counsel in a New Mexico Supreme Court case, *State v. Brown*, that established, for the first time in New Mexico, the rights of criminal defendants represented by pro bono attorneys to have their defense expert witness costs paid by the state.



James M. Hushagen is a lawyer and a member of Eisenhower Carlson PLLC, a Pacific Northwest law firm in Tacoma,

where his practice is focused on business, financial and real estate transactions and on employment law. He is also vice chair of the Pacific Lutheran University Board of Regents, where he chairs the Governance Committee, serves on the Academic Affairs Committee and chaired the Presidential Search Committee. He continues to serve on several boards and committees for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and chairs the Board of Directors of Lutheran Music Program, where he is chair of the Governance Committee and serves as *ex officio* member of all other committees. He is general counsel to several nonprofit corporations and regularly provides governance training to nonprofit boards.

1981

David Chapman was appointed director of the King County Office of Public Defense. The Office of Public Defense, a division within the

county's Department of Community and Health Services, provides legal representation to indigent defendants facing criminal charges.

Mary McDonald and **John O'Brien** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on October 2, 2012.



They met in law school in Tacoma. They have three children (their youngest is a 2L at the law school) and one grandchild. She owns and operates two Montessori schools on the Issaquah plateau serving more than 200 families, and when possible, enjoys traveling, having been to the Antarctic and Arctic circles, Africa, Russia, Mongolia and Ireland. He is the managing partner of a 10-member law firm in Issaquah, O'Brien, Barton, Joe and Hopkins. He is also co-owner of an Unlimited hydroplane that races at Seafair, around the country and in the Middle East, and he serves on the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Corporation's Board of Directors.

1983

Bridget Gavahan is retiring after 25 years with the New Mexico Court of Appeals. She began working on the court's central staff in 1987, and in 2004 became the chief staff attorney. During her career, she saw the court grow from seven to 10 judges, from six to 14 staff attorneys and build a new home solely for the Court of Appeals. As a staff attorney, she assisted the court in deciding many of the more than 2,400 appeals. She sat on New Mexico Supreme Court Rules committee, assisting in drafting rules of procedure for appellate courts and civil procedure rules for district courts. She was a member of the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys and served as its president in 2009. She now looks forward to spending time with her granddaughter.

1985

Dan Peterson is vice chancellor for institutional advancement for the University of Illinois. He works with the university's UI Foundation, and the UI Alumni Association to build "enduring relationships with all constituents and generating diverse resources to support the university's core missions of learning, discovery, and engagement." Prior to accepting this position, he was vice president for principal gifts at Oregon State University. He has also held positions at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Washington State University Foundation.

1987



Judy Ramseyer was elected King County Superior Court Judge. She started her term Nov. 1 after being appointed by Gov.

Gregoire to fill the empty seat on the bench. She was sworn in by former U.S. Supreme Court Judge Sandra Day O'Connor.

1988

Erik Bakke retired from private practice in July after more than 24 years of representing individuals and various businesses throughout the Northwest. He has accepted an in-house position as General Counsel with long-time client, Evergreen Financial Services, Inc. He is excited about this new opportunity, and looks forward to seeing his colleagues from Seattle University School of Law as he travels around Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Douglas Shae was appointed as the Chelan County Prosecutor.

1989

Craig Beetham, a member of the Law Alumni Board, is president of the Tacoma Pierce County Family Law Section for 2012-2013. He was also elected to Eisenhower &

Carlson Executive Committee for 2012-2013.

1991



Theresa Allman, attorney at The Defender Association, received the King County Bar Association's Outstanding Lawyer Award.

Judge Alfred G. Schweppe was appointed to the Yakima District Court, and will assume the bench in January. A native of Seattle, he worked for six years in the Yakima County prosecutor's office. Since leaving the office in 2001, he has served as a judge pro tem in municipal, District and Superior courts.



1992

Jonathan Dunn, along with Marilyn Klinger, partners at Sedgwick LLP, have authored a chapter for the fourth edition of the highly regarded publication, "California Mechanics Liens and Related Construction Remedies," published by the Continuing Education of the California Bar. Dunn is the Construction Practices Group lead partner in the Orange County office.

Michael Hamerly earned a master's in science in pharmaceutical chemistry. He also received an L.L.M. in intellectual property and policy from University of Washington School of Law in 2010.



Kenneth Masters was elected the Washington State Bar Association District 1 Governor for a three-year term after completing a successful term as Chair of the WSBA Rules and Procedures Committee. He is president of the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association,

and a fellow of both the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and of the Litigation Counsel of America.

1993

Jeffrey Izzo is an assistant professor of music industry studies at Minnesota State University Moorhead. He teaches an array of music industry related legal and business topics, including copyright, contracts, and artist management, as well as a survey course on film music. He is also composing an original score for the university's spring 2013 production of Brecht's "Mother Courage and Her Children."

Jennifer Joly, an experienced policy advisor for the Washington Legislature and the Governor's Office, has been selected as head of government relations for Pierce County. A Tacoma resident for 10 years, she has spent her career in a variety of key positions in Olympia. She served then-Gov. Gary Locke as transportation policy advisor, legislative director and eventually as general counsel. Before that, she served as counsel to the state House of Representative. She started her career as legal counsel and research analyst for the state Legislative Transportation Committee. She recently resigned her position as chair of the state Public Disclosure Commission so she could take the Pierce County job. She still serves as one of 11 trustees on Group Health Cooperative's board of directors.

Tony Rugel was appointed court commissioner for Spokane County Superior Court. Prior to his appointment, he spent eight years as an assistant attorney general representing the State Department of Social and Health Services.

1994

Joanna Monroe was appointed to the Pierce County Salary Review Commission and board development chair for Franke Tobey Jones,



a continuing care retirement community. She serves as vice president, deputy general counsel, and chief compliance officer for TrueBlue, Inc.

1995

Adam Snyder joined the law firm of Ogden Murphy Wallace in Seattle. He is a member of the Health Law, Business, and Litigation groups. His practice focuses on transactions and litigation related to hospitals, long-term care facilities, physician groups, and other health care providers.

1996

Andrea Beall has been appointed a Puyallup Municipal Court judge, the first woman judge to preside there. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner in Kent law firm Stewart Beall MacNichols & Harmell.



1998



Larry Haskell, a former deputy prosecutor for Spokane County, has been accepted to prosecute for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Washington. He will serve in the Criminal Division handling gang and weapons crimes.

Chris Marks opened Sedgwick Law Office in Seattle and serves as managing partner.



1999

Laura Anglin, who has clerked for 12 years for Justice Tom Chambers, is now clerk for Justice Steve González.

Athan Tramountanas joined Short, Cressman & Burgess as a partner, in Seattle. Formerly with the law firm of K&L Gates, he has an extensive construction, contract law and complex commercial litigation practice. He has advised public and private clients on various issues throughout the construction process, negotiated and drafted design and construction contracts, and successfully represented clients throughout the dispute resolution process in both trial and appellate courts.



2000

Rick E. Hansen received his LLM in Securities and Financial Regulation from Georgetown University Law Center. He authored "Climate Change Disclosure By SEC Registrants: Revisiting the SEC's 2010 Interpretive Release," published in the Fall 2012 edition of the Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial, and Commercial Law. He serves as assistant secretary and supervising counsel, Corporate Governance, at Chevron Corporation, headquartered in San Ramon, Calif. He lives in Danville with his wife and three children.



Michele McCarthy has returned to the practice of law as associate counsel for the New York City Health and Hospital Corporations. Previously, she worked as a human resources manager at Northshore Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Dominik Musafia joined Wechsler Becker LLP in downtown Seattle as a partner. He is experienced with real estate matters, which enhances his expertise in family law.

Sharna Smythe was appointed as a Division IV Administrative Appeals Judge.

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2001



Lisa Gafken returned to the Washington Attorney General's Office, where she began her career in 2001, after being in private practice for six years focusing on litigating trust and estate matters under TEDRA, protecting vulnerable adults under Chapter 74.34 RCW, and representing clients in both contested and uncontested probate and guardianship matters. She now serves as an assistant attorney general in the Public Counsel Section, representing customers of investor-owned utilities in proceedings before the Utilities and Transportation Commission. She is a board member of MAMAS, the Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle and a founding member of the Lawyers Fostering Independence team, a group of lawyers offering legal assistance to foster children aging out of the foster care system.

Delaney Miller was elected chair of the board of directors of AC Portland, a nonprofit organization that supplies tools to empower students to lead healthy lives, succeed academically, and inspire positive community engagement. The program emphasizes soccer as a means of physical fitness, teaches creative writing to build academic confidence, provides nutrition education, and inspires civic involvement through service learning.

Earl Morriss joined Genesis Law Firm, PLLC in Everett as of counsel. His practice emphasizes real property law related to boundary and easement disputes. He is also the 2012 vice president of the Land Surveyors' Association of Washington.

Sean O'Donnell was elected to an open seat on King County Superior Court and will begin his term in January. For the past decade, he has been with the King County Prosecutor's Office Criminal Division as a



trial attorney. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Seattle University School of Law, and a chief trainer for the National Association of Attorneys General on the subject of Human Trafficking. He is also a special assistant United States attorney for Western Washington assigned to the Terrorism and Violent Crimes section.

2002

Tanesha La'Trelle Canzater recently won her second Washington State Supreme Court case, *State of Washington v. Jorge Ariel Saenz*, where the court overturned a "life without the possibility of parole" sentence. Her first victory was in 2010, when the Washington State Supreme Court overturned a felony harassment conviction in *State of Washington v. Glen Arthur Schaler*.



Billie Grissom has been involved with the local collaborative law movement since 2005. She was an associate in a boutique family law firm in Redmond for five years prior to opening her solo practice in 2009. She has extensive training in collaborative law and mediation approaches to difficult and complex family matters. Her practice is focused on alternative dispute resolution and out of court settlement options. She is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Collaborative Professionals of Washington, and sits on the Board of Directors of King County Collaborative Law. She is also a founding member of Cypress Collaborative Solutions, which is an alliance of collaborative professionals.

Taavi McMahon was appointed as a district attorney for Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. He grew up in Trempealeau County, and has focused his practice on criminal defense since returning to Wisconsin in 2004.



Rajiv Nagaich, an elder law attorney and senior partner with the law firm of Johnson and Nagaich PS, has developed a holistic legal practice that focuses on elder law and care issues which include legal, housing, financial, and health disciplines. He sits on the Board of the Washington Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, a founding member and past president of the Life Care Planning Law Firms Associations and an active member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is also the founder of Washington Elder Care, a non-for-profit corporation that serves the needs of the elderly in the Puget Sound area, and a host of a popular call-in radio talk show (AgingOptions) that airs live in the greater Seattle area every Sunday morning from 10 a.m. – noon on KTTH AM 770.

2003

Marie Lindahl and **David Lindahl** welcomed a son, Toren Magnus Alaric Lindahl, on February 18, 2012.



Barbara Rhoads-Weaver was elected governor for District 7-West of the Washington State Bar Association.



Nicole Tedrow and her husband, Gabriel Jones, welcomed a baby girl, Stella Rose Jones, on June 24, 2012.

2004

Elizabeth (Betsy) Hershman-Greven

joined the law firm of Skellenger Bender in downtown Seattle. Focusing her practice on family law matters, she represents clients in both traditional and non-traditional families.



Page Rebelo and **Samuel Garcia '05** were married on April 14, 2012, at Trabant Coffee and Chai in Pioneer Square in Seattle. Page works for the Public Employment Relations Commission as a labor relations adjudicator/mediator, and Samuel works for the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights as an equal opportunity specialist.

2005

Karen Bobela, and her husband, David Bobela, were married on September 2, 2012.



Marcus Brown successfully briefed and argued *Debrunner v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.* to the California Court of Appeals. *Debrunner* is the first binding California precedent on the issue of whether a party proceeding with a non-judicial foreclosure must possess or be a holder of the related promissory note pursuant to the California Commercial Code. *Debrunner* disposed of this issue, which had been involved in thousands of cases litigated in state and federal courts in California since the housing collapse in 2007 and 2008.



M. Lorena González was elected to the National Council of La Raza Board of Directors, based in Washington D.C.

Jason Keyes co-founded a boutique firm that focuses on regulatory work

related to distributed solar energy. The firm has been active in rulemakings in 40 state utility commissions over the past four years, representing non-profits and solar project developers.



Brad Moericke was named Sumner Police Chief. He began his law enforcement career with the department more than 20 years ago. He began working part-time as an emergency dispatcher in 1989, and became a commissioned police officer the following year. He stayed with the force for about eight years, working his way up to sergeant. He later left to help run a retail business in the Seattle area. He eventually became a lawyer and worked as a Pierce County Prosecutor for a few years, before returning to Sumner as a deputy chief in 2008.

Justin Sedell joined the law firm of Lasher, Holzapfel, Sperry & Ebberson, in Seattle. He focuses his practice on divorce, complex child custody disputes, collaborative law, and high conflict litigation.



Tyler Shillito and his wife welcomed their first baby in mid-October. Tyler is a member at Maher Ahrens Foster Shillito PLLC in Tacoma.

2006

Helen Stocklin-Enright is a legal technology and forensic services advisor at the firm of Matheson Ormsby Prentice in Dublin, Ireland.

Kendee Yamaguchi was appointed to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Committee. She serves as executive director of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

2007



Ryan Glant is vice president of administration and general counsel at Pacific Iron & Metal.

2008

Sabrina Andrus was named executive director of the Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She previously served LSRJ as interim executive director and director of campus and community programs.

Kara Herschkowitz accepted an attorney position at Wizards of the Coast. Previously, she worked at Hendricks & Lewis, and focused her practice on business law, entertainment law, intellectual property, and civil litigation.

Adam Jussel is an assistant attorney general for Washington State. Previously, he worked at Miller Nash as an associate.

Nancy Lee opened her own law practice, Law Office of Nancy J. Lee, PLLC in Puyallup, Wash. Her practice focuses on elder law, estate planning, probate, guardianship, disability planning, and medical planning.



Jonathan Minear joined Seattle law firm Helsell Fetterman as an associate attorney. He focuses his practice on medical and legal malpractice, consumer protection, personal injury, product liability, premises liability, and commercial disputes. He has litigated cases in both state and federal court on behalf of a wide variety of businesses and individuals.

Nathan Roberts, along with co-counsel, **Julie Kays '00**, recently tried a civil rights case against a local police department for failing to train its officers on dealing with the mentally

ill. The case, *Ostling v. City of Bainbridge Island*, arose from the death of Douglas Ostling, a mentally ill man who was shot and killed by Bainbridge Island police officers. The unanimous jury found that the city's substandard training had caused the death and awarded the family \$1 million in damages. This is the first jury verdict in the nation finding a police department liable for improper training on this topic.

Jennifer Slattery joined the Yerman Immigration law firm in New York, N.Y. She is applying for membership to the New York State Bar and will sit for the February 2013 Bar Exam. She is focused on building the firm's criminal practice.



Justin Walsh joined Floyd, Pflueger & Ringer as an associate. He works closely with firm principal Francis Floyd in defending complex personal injury cases, including wrongful death claims. His previous experience includes representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice, complex litigation, and wrongful death claims.

2009

Troy Courage received the 2012 King County Bar Annual Recognition Award.

Jeffrey Keddle had his article, "Reforming Corporate Political Spending: Life on Our Terms," published by the Arkansas Journal of Social Change and Public Service.

Hannalore Merritt joined the New London, Connecticut law firm, Waller, Smith & Palmer. Her practice focuses on litigation and municipal law. Before joining the firm, she served a one-year term as a judicial law clerk for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court. She also worked as a judicial law clerk at New London Superior Court from 2009 to 2011.

Trevor Osborne is an associate for Davies Pearson P.C. His practice focuses on labor and employment law, general business, and business litigation.

Evan Riley Williams is a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He serves as a special Assistant United States attorney in the Western District of Texas.



2010



Keil Larsen is an attorney at Equinox Business Law Group, where he provides comprehensive legal services for companies in all phases of the business lifecycle including forming business entities, establishing structure and ownership, securing financing, protecting intellectual and physical property, managing employees and contractors, formulating exit strategies, and defining estate plans.

Caleb Oken-Berg joined the downtown Seattle law firm of Skellenger Bender, focusing his practice primarily on family law, including divorce/dissolution, domestic partnership issues, parenting plan and child support modifications, child custody, adoption, and LGBT-specific legal issues.

2011



Priya Aggarwal joined Swedelson & Gottlieb, a firm in Los Angeles. She focuses her practice on corporate and real estate law.

Emily Howlett opened a solo law firm serving the Puget Sound region. She also serves several local Indian tribes as appointed civil counsel to tribal members with child dependency

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case and as a conflict public defender and is the presenting and reviewing attorney for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Child Support Program. For the 2012-2014 term, she is the civil legal needs co-director on the executive committee for the WSBA's Juvenile Law Section.

Gavin Johnson, Gideon Dionne, and **Kyle Hulten** started inVigor Law Group PLLC in November 2011 to offer legal services designed for entrepreneurs and a variety of business owners. They have expanded their offices to Colorado and Texas.

Ingrid McLeod joined Tacoma law firm, Davies Pearson P.C., as an associate. She practices general business, civil and commercial litigation, estate planning and probate, and real estate law.

2012

Kamron Graham works with Legal Aid Services of Oregon coordinating the pro bono lawyers project.

Adrianne Helinski received the George Vanderveer Award for Outstanding Seattle University Law Student, at the Unemployment Law Project's Second Annual Party.

Winfield Martin is an associate in the Seattle office of Perkins Coie LLP. His practice focuses on intellectual property law, including trademark and copyright, as well as advertising and consumer protection issues.

Arthur Simpson received the 2012 WSBA Young Lawyer Division Thomas Neville Pro Bono Award. The WYLD Board of Trustees selected him for demonstrating his commitment to pro bono work in the first stages of his legal career.

Nicole Tideman is an associate at Walstead Mertsching in Longview, Wash.

In Memoriam

1991

Patty Pethick died Sept. 30, 2012. She graduated from Shorewood High School and was a proud graduate of the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law. She is survived by her parents, brother, sister, nieces, nephew, and goddaughter.

1992

Nancy Claire (Stack) Chapman died Aug. 7, 2012. After law school, she worked at Lane Powell Spears Lubersky and as a corporate secretary for Nordstrom. For the last eight years, she worked as a senior staff attorney for the General Counsel of the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center. She is survived by her husband, the Honorable Arthur Chapman, her two sons, four siblings, and four nephews.

Frank LaSalata died Sept. 1, 2012. After law school, he joined a Bellevue law firm before opening his own practice in Gig Harbor. In 2006, he was elected as a King County District Court Judge, where he presided over courtrooms in Issaquah. He is survived by his three sons and eight grandchildren.

2000

Jackie Bellamy died Sept. 4, 2012. In law school, she was involved with the Black Law Student Association, Moot Court, and the Women's Law Caucus. She later became an Appeals Officer for the Social Security Administration in Virginia. She is survived by her parents and seven siblings.

2007

Amin Amirkia died unexpectedly and peacefully in his sleep in Shanghai, China, on Oct. 6, 2012. After passing the bar exam in Washington, he moved to China.

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- More than 500 individuals contributed to the School of Law, supporting the Annual Fund for Excellence and a variety of special programs.
- 52% of the faculty and staff of Seattle University School of Law made a financial contribution in support of our mission and our students. That's the second highest participation rate since the campaign was created.
- Scholarship support was sustained by the King County Bar Foundation, confirming the importance of diversity in the legal field through a gift earmarked for students whose lives enrich the educational and legal landscapes.
- The Outlaws Civil Rights Scholarship Fund was fully endowed this year through the leadership and generous support of Professor Julie Shapiro and Professor from Practice Denis Stearns, as well as alumna Melanie Curtice '98.

Leadership gifts at the Dean's Club level, annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the law school, are especially vital to our ability to provide a high quality education, to give our students the best possible opportunity to achieve their academic and professional goals, and to promote social justice.

Law school makes supporting public interest a priority

In summer 2012, 38 students won grants from the Public Interest Law Foundation to do important work at social justice agencies and organizations in the Puget Sound area, throughout the country and abroad. Placements ranged from agencies such as the Northwest Justice Project and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in the Seattle area and in cities from Anchorage to Washington, D.C. International placements included the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project in Beirut, the Central American Institute of Social Studies and Development in Guatemala and the Center for Development Consulting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

PILF depends upon donations to supplement its own fundraising to offer as many opportunities as possible. Supporting the PILF Summer Grants Program is one of the law school's priorities for the coming year.

Student grateful for experience PILF provides

Mina Shahin '13 used her summer PILF grants to learn about the law – and herself. Working at the Coordinated Legal Education Advice and Referral (CLEAR) hotline in summer 2012 and the Unemployment Law Project in 2011 taught her how she wants to approach her career.

"I have discovered a little bit about what type of attorney I want to be," she wrote in her 2012 PILF Summer Journal. "I find that while some attorneys try to stay realistic and conservative in their advice and assistance, others will explore every possibility before closing a client's case. I fall into the latter category. No matter the unlikelihood of success,

I pursue every case with the hope of finding one small fact that would allow me to provide some legal assistance to a client."

Shahin, the inaugural Mary E. Fairhurst PILF Grantee, grew up at a crossroads between her Persian and Latina heritage and developed a deep empathy for people who face barriers that can stand in the way of justice.

"For me, the value of a law degree is in gaining the skills and abilities necessary to ensure the disadvantaged have equal access to justice," she said.

Read Mina's summer Journal and those from other grant winners at www.law.seattleu.edu/x1880.xml.



Mina Shahin '13, with Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst



Colleen Kinerk

A long-time PILF benefactor, she calls others to action

Colleen Kinerk's connection to Seattle University began when she was an undergraduate studying history and literature in the College of Arts and Sciences in the early '70s. Though she didn't go to law school here, she has been a strong supporter of the law school's work to establish justice and is a leader in supporting students through gifts to the Public Interest Law Foundation Summer Grant Program.

She and her husband, Daniel Kilpatrick, a family law attorney in Kirkland, are champion supporters of PILF. For five years, they have made gifts that allow students to complete summer public interest internships. This year, the couple funded a full PILF summer grant with their \$4,500 gift. They invite others to do the same.

An attorney with Cable, Langenbach, Kinerk & Bauer, LLP in Seattle, Kinerk has built a strong reputation in labor and employment law and is recognized as a top mediator of employment and tort cases. She has served as chair of the Washington State Bar Association Access to Justice Conference Committee since 1996.

"Seattle University School of Law has transformed the legal and judicial landscape across the state because the commitment to social justice permeates the culture and formation of students," she said. "This investment results in hands-on justice for real people in need."

Inspired by his experience, professor supports PILF

Ensuring that students have the opportunity to complete internships with social justice agencies is a priority for Professor Paul Holland, associate dean for academic affairs.

Holland, who has taught in the Youth Advocacy Clinic and directed the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, says the law school internships he had were critical to his development as a lawyer. That's why he and his wife, Tana Lin, who practices law in Seattle, are strong supporters of the Public Interest Law Foundation, including giving \$3,000 in each of the last two years to support summer grants.

"In my first summer, I had the opportunity to represent a client at an administrative hearing. I can still summon the sound of his voice when I had the chance to call

him and tell him about our partial victory," Holland said.

His supervisors helped shape his career.

"The lawyers I worked with during those two summers were extremely influential role models whose examples I have relied on throughout my professional career," he said. "We directed our gifts to PILF so that SU students can have the same opportunities."

PILF benefits the community, as well as students.

"Sending such a large corps of students out every summer to a wide range of organizations across the region, the country, and the world is one of the clearest demonstrations of the school's commitment to establishing justice through service to those in need," Holland said.



Paul Holland

Looking forward...

The law school is celebrating 40 years since opening its doors at a business park on South Tacoma Way in 1972. The 40 years have brought much growth and change and the school can boast a thriving alumni community of more than 10,000. What hasn't changed however is our mission to provide a challenging and justice-focused curriculum, to engage students as leaders, and to contribute to the community in a meaningful way.

As an institution, there are a multitude of goals and priorities. Speaking directly to our advancement goals this year, there are various ways in which alumni and friends of Seattle University School of Law can be counted among a growing list of supporters and investors in the school.

Cultivate an active group of Emerging Leaders

The law school has created a new giving opportunity for our most recent graduates, those in the last nine years, 2004-2012. Emerging Leaders give \$100 for each year since their graduation, demonstrating their commitment to the future success of their law school, and in return are considered full members of the Dean's Club. Gifts can be made in monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments.

Expand the membership in the Dean's Club

Another primary leadership group in the school is those individuals and organizations that give \$1,000 or more annually, providing the law school with an irreplaceable source of stability and strength, and becoming connected and enthusiastic allies for the school. People are at the heart of any successful enterprise, and leadership sized gifts enable SU Law to prosper.



Grow alumni participation to 10 percent

The peak participation of the SU Law alumni community happened in 2010 when 7.9% of alumni made a financial gift to the school. To achieve the 10% goal this year, we will need to more than double the rate of alumni who gave last year. A gift of any size today, in support of the Annual Fund or any restricted purpose, counts towards this goal. Whether you are a longtime donor or have yet to make your first gift, we welcome your support.



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January 24

Seattle Sidebar Happy Hour, Black Bottle

January 25

Succession Planning (CLE)

February 7

BLSA Alumni Awards

February 6

Tausend Moot Court Finals and Reception

February 16

Law school night at KeyArena

February 23

PILF Auction

February 28

Diversity Week Reception

March 5

7th Annual Solo, Small & Mid-Size Firm Career Fair

March 7

Unveiling of Civility Mural
Judge Mary Yu's King County Superior Courtroom

March 8–9

Third Annual Defender Initiative Conference (CLE)

March 12

Woman of the Year Luncheon
Rainier Club

March 14

Latina/o Alumni Awards

March 26

Installation of Sid DeLong as William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence

April 5

Mania: The Lives, Literature & Law of the Beats Symposium

April 11

40th Anniversary Celebration

May 18

Commencement

May 30

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